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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OGEN  
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. REGARDING SIMONS' SLOT, AFTER CONSULTING AMBASSADOR,  
OUR PREFERRED SOLUTION WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

- (A) MOVE MCNAMARA TO HEAD POL/EXT;
- (B) MOVE RAY SMITH FROM CONS TO CURRENT MCNAMARA SLOT  
TEMPORARILY WHEN GROSS RETURNS IN APRIL;
- (C) TRANSFER SELL FROM GARMISCH TO CONS SECTION ASAP  
TO FILL SMITH SLOT (IF SELL IS AGREEABLE);
- (D) ASSIGN AVIS BOHLEN TO MCNAMARA SLOT FOR REGULAR  
TOUR TO BEGIN IN JUNE (OR EARLIER IF POSSIBLE);
- (E) IN JUNE AFTER BOHLEN ARRIVAL, MOVE RAY SMITH TO  
POL/INT TO REPLACE FORD WHEN LATTER LEAVES.

2. WE ARE WILLING TO WAIT UNTIL JUNE FOR BOHLEN'S  
ARRIVAL ONLY BECAUSE WE ARE AWARE OF HER HIGH QUALIFI-  
CATIONS FOR THE POL-MIL/DISARMAMENT SLOT, HER KNOWLEDGE  
OF RUSSIAN, AND HER BACKGROUND AS POLITICAL ANALYST IN  
ACDA AND VIENNA. SHOULD HER ASSIGNMENT FALL THROUGH,  
WE WOULD STRONGLY PREFER TO TAKE CAPABLE OFFICERS AT  
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POST AND MOVE THEM INTO POSITIONS WHERE THEY WILL HAVE  
AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE THEIR ABILITIES.

3. IS THERE ANY CHANCE BOHLEN COULD BE HERE SOONER  
THAN JUNE? WHAT IS THE NATURE OF HER COMMITMENT?

4. RE STATE 020630, PARA 4, THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO THE WATER (SECTION 1, PARA 5 OF THE CULTURAL PROGRAM), AND, IF HOLDING THEIR NOSE TO IT THUS FAR BRINGS MERELY SNORTS AND SPLASHES, WE ARE HOPEFUL FOR THE FUTURE. EASSURE JIM AND YALE.

5. RE 76 MOSCOW 18474, CAN YOU GIVE US AN UPDATE ON OUR REQUEST FOR POLICY GUIDANCE ON IV APPLICANTS WHO RECENTLY MOVED TO USSR? THE GALSTIAN FAMILY IS STILL HOLDING FIRE, IN DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES.

6. WE ARE SENDING KUDIRKA A TELEGRAM ASKING HIM TO CALL SO THAT WE CAN SET UP A MEETING. HE WAS SUPPOSED TO COME IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER JANUARY 1 BUT NEVER SHOWED. WE'LL DO OUR BEST TO GET HIM IN THIS TIME.

7. NEPOMNYASCHIY TOLD US HE PLANS TO GET HIS VISA IN VIENNA AND WE ARE TRANSFERRING THE FILE THERE.

8. THE NAME CHECK DELAY IN COSTAKIS' CASE MEANS THAT WE WON'T BE ABLE TO COMPLETE IV PROCESSING IN JANUARY. WE RECEIVED A CABLE PREDICTING THAT NON-PREFERENCE PRIORITY DATE FOR FEBRUARY WILL BE JUNE 1. SINCE COSTAKIS' PRIORITY DATE IS IN DECEMBER, WE DON'T SEE HOW WE CAN ARRANGE NON-PREFERENCE VISAS DURING FEBRUARY. COSTAKIS AND FAMILY STILL HAVE NOT NOTIFIED US THAT THEY ARE READY TO COME FOR ADVANCE INTERVIEWS SO THAT WE CAN GIVE THEM A STRONG LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE FOR OVIR. WE SEE NO REASON TO TRY TO HURRY THEM UP NOW SINCE VISA NUMBERS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY. WE WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING IN CONFIDENTIAL

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THIS OR FRONT CHANNEL WHAT MARCH PRIORITY DATE WILL BE AS SOON AS VO CAN MAKE A PREDICTION.

9. RE THE NASA/INTERKOSMOS DRAFT SPACE COOPERATION AGREEMENT, IT APPEARS TO US THAT THE EMBASSY WILL NOT ACTUALLY TAKE ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A CERTIFIED TRANSLATOR (INDEED WE DO NOT HAVE THIS CAPABILITY AT THE EMBASSY) IN THE PROCEDURE OUTLINED IN MOSCOW 1067. WHAT IS PROPOSED IS WHEN A FINALIZED TEXT IS AGREED TO BY CABLE, THE EMBASSY WILL TYPE THE ENGLISH VERSION TO BE GIVEN TO INTERKOSMOS FOR SIGNATURE. AFTER THEIR TRANSLATORS LOOK AT IT, IT WILL BE SIGNED BY THE SOVIETS AND FORWARDED TO NASA. NASA CAN HAVE A CERTIFIED TRANSLATOR LOOK AT IT AGAIN BEFORE SIGNING IN THE U.S.; IF THERE IS ANY DIFFICULTY, NASA CAN HAVE THE ENGLISH TEXT REDONE IN WASHINGTON. THIS PROCEDURE SHOULD SAVE SOME TIME AND PERMIT THE FIRST MEETINGS OF THE WORKING GROUPS TO BEGIN IN MARCH AS NOW SCHEDULED. ALSO PLEASE NOTE WE DO NOT EXPECT THAT IN THE FINAL VERSION THERE WILL BE VERY GREAT CHANGES FROM

THE ORIGINAL RUSSIAN TEXT WHICH NASA HAS ALREADY TRANSLATED. HOWEVER, IF NASA WISHES THE ENGLISH TEXT TO BE PREPARED AND CERTIFIED IN WASHINGTON, WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION.  
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